

AGM REPORT

The AGM was held on Saturday 18th November at How Hill, there were 45 people in attendance.

Dr Keith Bacon opened the meeting with the sad news that Major Nick Barne, President of The Broads Society had passed away a few weeks ago. Major Barne had been Chairman of The Broads Society from 2006 to 2008 and President since 2012. Keith asked for a minutes÷silence out of respect for Major Barne.

The Main Committee nominated Robin Godber to be appointed the new President, this was unanimously agreed by all those present at the AGM.

Paul Rice then read out apologies from members who were unable to attend the AGM. Paul introduced Tony Slack the new Treasurer and Sarah Vergette the new Administrator.

The minutes of last year's AGM were accepted as were the reported from the Northern and Southern Rivers Committees and the Membership Report.

Tony Slack, the Treasurer found the accounts from the past year to be in good order and proposed that they were accepted.

Paul Rice was re-elected as Chairman, Keith Bacon as Vice-Chairman and Tony Slack as Honorary Treasurer. The Committee will comprise of Colin Dye, Diana Cornell, Anne Filgate, Mike Filgate, Pat Simpson. Jill Wickens is a member of the Committee as editor of Harnser.

The Honorary solicitor and independent examiners remain the same as in the previous year.

Robin Godber presented the Lady Mayhew Trophy and a cheque for £250 to Commodore Andy Goff and Vice-Commodore Steve Lloyd from the Norfolk schools Sailing Association at Filby. Commodore Andy Goff gave a short speech thanking the Society for the Award and explained a little about the history of the Association. The President of NSSA was aware of Lady Mayhew's sailing skills. This year NSSA have taught 227 young people and 42 adults to sail. Eleven of their pupils are now Royal yachting instructors.

Robin Godber then presented the Broads Society Trophy to Jill Wickens in recognition of all that Jill does for the Society, being Editor of Harnser for the past twelve years and attending all the events to promote the Society at every opportunity.

The archives of the Broads Society had recently been retrieved and amongst them were badges, pennants, burgees and one tie. Keith Bacon auctioned these items and raised £55.

The 500 Club winner number 291 Mr and Mrs Colin Dye, was drawn by Mr R W Ramuz.

Phil Berry, Training Officer for Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue was the speaker. Mr Berry gave an interesting and informative presentation about how the service operates alongside the other emergency services with search and rescue not only on the ground but in the water as well. Members wishing to know more or join NorLSAR can contact Phil Berry on 07540610061 or philberry07@yahoo.com.

There were questions from members regarding how the Broads Society would be responding to the Broads Plan. The Main committee are looking at this and will make a response.

There was some discussion regarding Broadsword and it was agreed that more photographs should be taken of the work to help promote the work that is undertaken by the Broads Society. Broadsword have worked planned along the River Ant and they hope to have the Explorer Scouts help them with their tasks.

Jill Wickens reminded members that more people are needed to help at events, this is an important role as not only do the events promote the Society but hopefully gain new members which is vital for the continuation of the Society.